First Amended Agreement for the Construction and Operation of Groundwater Replenishment Facilities By and Between

East Valley Water District and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

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This First Amended Agreement (Agreement) for the Construction and Operation of Groundwater Replenishment Facilities is entered into and effective this 6th day of March, 2018 by and between East Valley Water District ("EVWD") and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District ("Valley District"). EVWD and Valley District are each sometimes referred to herein as a "Party" and are collectively referred to as the "Parties." Additional signatories to this Agreement may include the City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by Valley District and EVWD, regardless of whether the City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department or any other additional signatory has executed this Agreement.

Recitals

A. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 requires public agencies to develop plans to ensure the sustainable long-term use of California's groundwater resources.

B. In 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a Recycled Water Policy that encourages public agencies to develop groundwater recharge projects using recycled water.

C. The Parties believe that through their cooperative work, they can treat and discharge wastewater in a manner that will maximize the benefits to the Santa Ana River and to the region. The Parties further believe that such wastewater discharge can be treated to levels that allow the use of such recycled water for groundwater replenishment or other permissible uses within the San Bernardino Basin Area, or other adjacent groundwater basins, for the benefit of the Parties and their ratepayers. Achieving such groundwater objectives requires the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant.

D. Using recycled water to replenish the San Bernardino Basin Area, which is the groundwater basin serving the needs of EVWD and which includes most of the area within Valley District, improves water supply reliability for EVWD and other retail water agencies within Valley District's service area and also provides a drought buffer for those agencies in the event of a lengthy drought.

E. The Parties, together with a number of other water agencies, are working together to develop a collaborative regional plan to increase the use of recycled water for groundwater replenishment and other purposes. The Parties intend that this project be an integral part of that regional plan. This Agreement is intended to implement the more general understandings of the Parties and others as reflected in that regional plan.

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F. Replenishing the San Bernardino Basin Area or other groundwater basins with recycled water is consistent with article X, section 2 of the California Constitution, which requires that the water resources of California be used to the fullest extent of which they are capable and is also consistent with Water Code section 13576(k), which authorizes and encourages the use of recycled water for groundwater replenishment. Groundwater replenishment is also within the authority of both Parties.

G. The Parties wish to memorialize their agreements relating to constructing and operating a wastewater treatment plant (the "**Project**") that will enable them to replenish the groundwater resources that serve their respective ratepayers.

Agreements

- 1. Governance Joint Management.
- a. The Parties agree that they will work together in good faith to complete the construction of the Project no later than June 30, 2018.
 - b. The Parties will then promptly enter into an agreement for the operation of the Project with a term of at least ten years that will enable the Parties to replenish the San Bernardino Basin Area with at least 6,000 acre-feet of recycled water.
 - c. In accomplishing these objectives, the Project will be managed by a Management Committee composed of the General Manager of EVWD and the General Manager of Valley District, or their designees. All decisions shall be made on a unanimous basis.
 - d. Both Parties hereby authorize their respective General Managers or designees to develop any administrative and operating rules and procedures that may be needed to implement the terms of this Agreement and that do not require a change in the terms of the Agreement without subsequent action by the Parties' governing boards.
- 72 2. Construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Parties agree that Valley District shall serve as the lead agency for the construction and operation of the Project, as follows:
 - a. Assignment of Consulting Agreements and Permits by EVWD to Valley District.

 Within thirty days of the effective date of this Agreement, EVWD shall assign all existing consulting or other agreements other than legal, as well as any permits, easements or other approvals, relating to the construction of the Project or its subsequent operation to Valley District.

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80 81 82 83 84 85		(1)	In the event that Valley District determines, in its sole discretion, that it needs to retain additional consultants in order to fulfill its obligations under the terms of this Agreement, Valley District may retain such consultants without the prior consent of EVWD. Valley District shall, however, provide a copy of such newly retained consultant's budget, scope of work and retainer agreement to EVWD within thirty days of such consultant's retention.
86 87 88 89 90		(2)	The Parties understand and agree that, throughout the construction and operation of the Project, each Party will continue to be represented by its own regular legal counsel. The Parties will, within thirty days of the execution of this Agreement, enter into a joint defense/common interest doctrine agreement that will enable them to proceed with the Project in the most expeditious manner possible.
92 93 94	b.	const	n-Build and Project Permitting. Valley District shall design, permit and ruct the Project by means of one or more design/build contracts, as rized by Public Contracts Code sections 22160 et seq. Specifically:
95 96 97		(1)	Design Proposal. Valley District shall work with one or more firms to develop a design/build proposal for review and approval by EVWD no later than _April 30, 2016.
98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105			(a) The wastewater treatment plant shall be built on APNs 0279-211-33-0000, 0279-211-25-0000, 0279-211-26-0000 and 0279-211-01-0000, which are owned by EVWD. To the extent that additional easements are needed by Valley District or entities acting under Valley District's direction in order to complete the Project, EVWD agrees to issue such easements over its own property or to be responsible for obtaining such easements from neighboring landowners.
106 107 108 109 110			(b) EVWD shall review the design/build proposal and approve it (with or without changes) within thirty days of submission. If EVWD fails to approve the proposal in a timely manner, Valley District may, in its sole discretion, deem this Agreement to have been terminated.
111 112 113		(2)	Permitting. Valley District shall be responsible for obtaining all local, state or federal permits that may be necessary for the construction or operation of the Project in a timely manner.

114 115 116 117 118		(a) Such permits shall include, but are not limited to, NPDES permits, other permits necessary to use recycled water to replenish the San Bernardino Basin Area, and the permits needed to allow for the continued discharge of treated wastewater either to the Santa Ana River or other appropriate discharge points.
119 120 121 122 123		(b) Valley District shall also be the lead agency for the preparation of one or more environmental document(s) that may be required under the terms of the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the California Environmental Quality Act that are sufficient to support the issuance of the necessary permits for the Project.
124 125 126 127 128 129 130	(3)	Construction. Valley District shall cause the Project to be constructed in a timely manner. The Parties anticipate that the Project shall be completed by _June 30, 2018. Valley District shall provide monthly updates to EVWD on changes to the plans, specifications, and schedules. Valley District shall not be liable for any delays or additional costs in constructing the Project, save for the gross negligence, intentional acts and willful misconduct of Valley District and its employees, agents and contractors.
132 133 134	(4)	Award of Contract. Valley District shall obtain the concurrence of EVWD prior to awarding any contract for the construction of the Project. EVWD agrees not to unreasonably delay its approval of any proposed contract.
135 136 137 138 139 140	(5)	Costs. The Parties agree that the construction of the Project will occur at no cost to Valley District. Valley District shall be entitled to recover all of its costs (including, but not limited to, materials costs; consultants, experts and attorneys' fees; and direct expenditures) from EVWD for the construction of the Project, save for costs directly caused by the gross negligence, intentional acts and willful misconduct of Valley District and its employees, agents and contractors.
142 143 144 145	(6)	Mark-Up of Costs. EVWD shall pay all costs incurred by Valley District in connection with the Project without any mark-up, including that EVWD shall pay Valley District's reasonable staff time for work related to the Project.
146 147 148	(7)	Payments Obligatory. EVWD shall make all payments required by this Agreement as they become due, notwithstanding any individual default by its customers or users, any dispute over charges, or otherwise.

149 150 151 152 153 154 155	w.	c.	with of appropriate shall level valley EVW	pecing. EVWD agrees that it will finance the full costs of all work associated or required by the Project and may make any arrangements that it deems priate for such financing without the consent of Valley District. EVWD keep Valley District reasonably informed as to the status of such financing. Y District will cooperate, and may assist in other ways at its discretion, with D's efforts to secure financing for the Project to the extent that cooperation sonable and necessary.
156 157 158 159 160	3.,,	shall e ground after th	enter int dwater : he com	Wastewater Treatment Plant for Groundwater Replenishment. The Parties to the operations agreement for the wastewater treatment plant and for replenishment referred to in paragraph 1 above no later than thirty days pletion of the construction of the wastewater treatment plant. Such reement shall include the following terms:
161		a.	Term	
162 163 164 165 166 167			(1)	The operations agreement shall be for an initial term of ten years, with subsequent terms of five years each. Either Party may terminate the operations agreement with at least one year's written notice prior to the completion of either the initial term or a subsequent term, but if no such termination notice is received in a timely manner, the operations agreement shall automatically renew for another five year period.
168 169 170 171 172 173 174			(2)	Notwithstanding the previous subparagraph, if the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission activates EVWD's authority to provide wastewater treatment services to its ratepayers (Activation), this Agreement shall be deemed terminated in its entirety, effective on the date of Activation and neither Party to this Agreement shall have any further obligation hereunder except for those obligations which have accrued as of the date of Activation.
175 176 177		b.	wastev	tion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Valley District shall operate the vater treatment plant in a good and workmanlike fashion, in full compliance I applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.
178 179 180			(1)	EVWD shall arrange, at its sole cost, for the collection and conveyance of wastewater generated within EVWD's service area to the wastewater treatment plant.
181 182 183 184			(2)	EVWD shall pay all costs incurred by Valley District for the operation of the wastewater treatment plant (including staff time). Valley District shall invoice EVWD quarterly in arrears and EVWD shall pay Valley District within thirty days of the date of each invoice.

- c. Public Education. EVWD may construct facilities ancillary to the Project for the purpose of public education and programming on topics including water conservation and replenishment; Valley District will not object to the construction and operation of such public education facilities and the conduct of such programs, provided that such facilities and programs are conducted in such a way so as not to interfere with the ongoing operations of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Groundwater Replenishment with Recycled Water. The Parties agree that any recycled water produced by the wastewater treatment plant shall be the sole property of EVWD.
- 5. Facility Ownership. EVWD shall own, in fee simple, all Project facilities provided that until EVWD completes payment of all construction costs to Valley District, Valley District shall be deemed to have a security interest in those facilities in an amount equal to the unpaid debt. In the event of a default in required payment by EVWD, the Parties agree that Valley District shall have the right to obtain a judgment in the amount of any default by EVWD and shall further have the right to cause EVWD to increase its water charges or to levy an assessment to pay the amount of the default.

201 6. Indemnification

- a. Indemnification by Valley District. Valley District shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless EVWD, its directors, officers, attorneys, employees and agents from and against all damages, liabilities, claims, actions, demands, costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, costs of investigations, lawsuits and any other proceedings whether in law or in equity, settlement costs, attorneys' fees and costs), and penalties or violations of any kind, which arise out of, result from, or are related to Valley District's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- b. Indemnification by EVWD. EVWD shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Valley District, its directors, officers, attorneys, employees and agents from and against all damages, liabilities, claims, actions, demands, costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, costs of investigations, lawsuits and any other proceedings whether in law or in equity, settlement costs, attorneys' fees and costs), and penalties or violations of any kind, which arise out of, result from, or are related to the performance of EVWD's obligations under this Agreement.
- c. Indemnification Procedures. Any Party that is an indemnified party (the "Indemnified Party") that has a claim for indemnification against the other Party (the "Indemnifying Party") under this Agreement, shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party in writing, provided, however, that no delay on the part of the Indemnified Party in notifying the Indemnifying Party shall relieve the

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222 Indemnifying Party from any obligation unless (and then solely to the extent) the 223 Indemnifying Party is prejudiced. Further, the Indemnified Party shall promptly 224 notify the Indemnifying Party of the existence of any claim, demand, or other 225 matter to which the indemnification obligations would apply, and shall give the 226 Indemnifying Party a reasonable opportunity to defend the same at its own 227 expense and with counsel of its own selection, provided that the Indemnified 228 Party shall at all times also have the right to fully participate in the disputed 229 matter at its own expense. If the Indemnifying Party, within a reasonable time after notice from the Indemnified Party, fails to defend a claim, demand or other 230 231 matter to which the indemnification obligations would apply, the Indemnified Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to undertake the defense of, and 232 to compromise or settle (exercising reasonable business judgment), the claim or 233 234 other matter, on behalf, or for the account, and at the risk, of the Indemnifying 235 Party. If the claim is one that cannot by its nature be defended solely by the Indemnifying Party, then the Indemnified Party shall make available all 236 237 information and assistance to the Indemnifying Party that the Indemnifying Party 238 may reasonably request.

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- a. Books and Records. Each Party shall have access to and the right to examine any of the other Party's pertinent books, documents, papers or other records (including, without limitation, records contained on electronic media) relating to the performance of that Party's obligations pursuant to this Agreement or the Project.
 - (1) Retention of Records; Preservation of Privilege. Each Party shall retain all such books, documents, papers or other records to facilitate such review in accordance with that Party's record retention policy. Access to each Party's books and records shall be during normal business hours only. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any applicable privileges.
 - Outside Auditors. Any Party may, at any time and at its sole cost, hire an auditor to examine the accounting for work performed pursuant to this Agreement. The Parties may also agree to retain an independent auditor to review the accounting for work performed pursuant to this Agreement. The costs of such an auditor will be shared equally between the Parties.
- b. *Disputes*. The Parties recognize that there may be disputes regarding the obligations of the Parties or the interpretation of this Agreement. The Parties agree that they may attempt to resolve disputes as follows:

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259 260 261 262 263 264	(1)	Statement Describing Alleged Violation or Interruption of Agreement. A Party alleging a violation or interruption of this Agreement (the "Initiating Party") shall provide a written statement describing all facts that it believes constitute a violation or interruption of this Agreement to the Party alleged to have violated or interrupted the terms of this Agreement (the "Responding Party").
265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272	(2)	Response to Statement of Alleged Violation or Interruption. The Responding Party shall have sixty days from the date of the written statement to prepare a written response to the allegation of a violation or interruption of this Agreement and serve that response on the Initiating Party or to cure the alleged violation or interruption to the reasonable satisfaction of the Initiating Party. The Initiating Party and the Responding Party shall then meet within thirty days of the date of the response to attempt to resolve the dispute amicably.
273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282	(3)	Mediation of Dispute. If the Initiating Party and the Responding Party cannot resolve the dispute within ninety days of the date of the written response, they shall engage a mediator, experienced in water-related disputes, to attempt to resolve the dispute. Each Party shall ensure that it is represented at the mediation by a member of its Board of Directors. These representatives of the Initiating Party and the Responding Party may consult with staff and/or technical consultants during the mediation and such staff and/or technical consultants may be present during the mediation. The costs of the mediator shall be divided equally between the Initiating Party and the Responding Party.
283 284 285 286 287 288 289	(4)	Prior to Claims Under California Tort Claims Act. The Parties agree that the procedure described in this paragraph 7.b represents an effort to resolve disputes without the need for a formal claim under the California Tort Claims Act or other applicable law. The period of time for the presentation of a claim by one Party against another shall be tolled for the period from the date on which the Initiating Party files a written statement until the date upon which the mediator renders a decision.
290 291 292 293 294 295 296	(5)	Reservation of Rights. Nothing in this paragraph 7.b shall require a Party to comply with a decision of the mediator and, after the completion of the mediation process described above, each Party shall retain and may exercise at any time all legal and equitable rights and remedies it may have to enforce the terms of this Agreement; provided, that prior to commencing litigation, a Party shall provide at least five calendar days' written notice of its intent to sue to the other Party.

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297	8.	Gene	ral Provisions.
298 299 300 301 302		a.	Authority. Each signatory of this Agreement represents that s/he is authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Party for which s/he signs. Each Party represents that it has legal authority to enter into this Agreement, to perform all obligations under this Agreement and that any and all appropriate Board action necessary for approval of this Agreement has been taken.
303 304		b.	Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by each of the Parties to this Agreement.
305 306 307 308 309		c.	Jurisdiction and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, except for its conflicts of law rules. Any suit, action, or proceeding brought under the scope of this Agreement shall be brought and maintained to the extent allowed by law in the County of San Bernardino, California.
310 311 312		đ.	Headings. The paragraph headings used in this Agreement are intended for convenience only and shall not be used in interpreting this Agreement or in determining any of the rights or obligations of the Parties to this Agreement.
313 314 315 316 317		e.	Construction and Interpretation. This Agreement has been arrived at through negotiations and each Party has had a full and fair opportunity to revise the terms of this Agreement. As a result, the normal rule of construction that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not apply in the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.
318 319 320 321		f.	Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and, save as expressly provided in this Agreement, supersedes any prior oral or written agreement, understanding, or representation relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.
322 323 324 325 326 327		g.	Partial Invalidity. If, after the date of execution of this Agreement, any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this Agreement, such provision shall be fully severable. However, in lieu thereof, there shall be added a provision as similar in terms to such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.
328 329 330		h.	Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the respective Parties to this Agreement. No Party may assign its interests in or obligations under this Agreement without

331 332		the written consent of the other Parties, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
333 334 335 336 337	i.	Waivers. Waiver of any breach or default hereunder shall not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach either of the same or of another provision of this Agreement and forbearance to enforce one or more of the rights or remedies provided in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of that right or remedy.
338 339 340 341 342	j.	Attorneys' Fees and Costs. The prevailing Party in any litigation or other action to enforce or interpret this Agreement shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witnesses' fees, costs of suit, and other and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief deemed appropriate by a court of competent jurisdiction.
343 344 345	k.	Necessary Actions. Each Party agrees to execute and deliver additional documents and instruments and to take any additional actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the purposes of this Agreement.
346 347 348	1.	Compliance with Law. In performing their respective obligations under this Agreement, the Parties shall comply with and conform to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.
349 350	m.	Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall not create any right or interest in any non-Party or in any member of the public as a third party beneficiary.
351 352 353	n.	Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
354 355 356 357 358 359 360 361 362 363	0.	Notices. All notices, requests, demands or other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing unless provided otherwise in this Agreement and shall be deemed to have been duly given and received on: (i) the date of service if served personally or served by facsimile transmission on the Party to whom notice is to be given at the address(es) provided below, (ii) on the first day after mailing, if mailed by Federal Express, U.S. Express Mail, or other similar overnight courier service, postage prepaid, and addressed as provided below, or (iii) on the third day after mailing if mailed to the Party to whom notice is to be given by first class mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:
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